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Rules of the Senate Committee on Rules

2021-2022

1. A quorum of the Committee shall be seven (7) members.
2. The Committee shall convene, recess, and adjourn upon the orders of the Chairman.
3. The Chairman shall determine which bills and resolutions are eligible to be considered and which said measures are placed upon the Calendar for Senate consideration.
4. A bill or resolution will be considered by the Rules Committee as a standing committee only after at least one presentation to the Committee by one of its principal authors or designee.
5. The Chairman shall have the right to refer bills or resolutions to Subcommittee for study and recommendations.
6. The Chairman, in his discretion, may allow individual members of the Committee to place a bill or resolution upon the Calendar so long as the measure is chosen from those determined to be eligible for consideration by the Chairman.
7. If an eligible bill or resolution is objected to by any member of the Committee, the Committee, upon majority vote, may nevertheless place the same upon the calendar.
8. These rules may be amended upon motion duly made and subsequently approved by two-thirds of the members of the Committee.
9. Where these rules are silent on a specific issue, the Rules of the Senate, as adopted, shall govern.
10. The Chairman has the right to send any bill back to any committee for perfection.
11. According to Rules 2-1.10 (c) of the Senate Rules, after the thirty-fifth (35th) legislative day, at the discretion of the Chairman, the Committee on Rules may recommend that any bill or resolution on the General Calendar be amended or substituted prior to placing the bills on the Rules Calendar. Any such substitute shall be considered and agreed to or rejected prior to the consideration of a substitute reported by any other committee.

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Rules
January 28, 2021**

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Rules was held on January 28, 2021, in Room 450 of the Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd), Chairman
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Secretary
Sen. John Albers (56th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Matt Brass (28th)
Sen. Dean Burke (11th)
Sen. Gloria S. Butler (55th) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th)
Sen. Tyler Harper (7th)
Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd)
Sen. John F. Kennedy (18th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Butch Miller (49th), Ex-Officio (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Elena Parent (42nd) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Larry Walker III (20th)

NOTE: Sen. Steve Gooch (51st), Ex-Officio and Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd) were absent.

Chairman Mullis (53rd) called the meeting to order at 10:47 a.m.

NOTE: Sen. Butch Miller (49th), Sen. Elena Parent (42nd), and Sen. Gloria S. Butler (55th) arrived at 10:48 a.m.

Senator Albers (56th) made a motion to adopt the Rules of the Committee. Vice-Chairman Cowsert (46th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Senate Standing Committee on Rules had under consideration the following legislation:

[SR 30](#) (Sen. Cowsert, 46th, LC 28 0019) State Election Board; Matthew Mashburn; appoint

Sen. Burke (11th) made a motion that **SR 30 Do Pass (LC 28 0019)**. Sen. Miller (49th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: SR 30 DO PASS (LC 28 0019)

There being no further business, Chairman Mullis (53rd) adjourned the meeting at 10:51 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Secretary

/s/ Madeline Lara, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Rules
January 29, 2021

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Rules was held on January 29, 2021, in Room 450 of the Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd), Chairman
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Secretary
Sen. John Albers (56th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Matt Brass (28th)
Sen. Dean Burke (11th)
Sen. Gloria S. Butler (55th)
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th)
Sen. Steve Gooch (51st), Ex-Officio
Sen. Tyler Harper (7th)
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)
Sen. Elena Parent (42nd)
Sen. Larry Walker III (20th)

NOTE: Sen. Butch Miller (49th), Ex-Officio, Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd), and Sen. John F. Kennedy (18th), Ex-Officio were absent.

Chairman Mullis (53rd) called the meeting to order at 10:59 a.m.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules Calendar for the next session day:

SB 6, SB 9, SR 30

Sen. Albers (56th) made a motion to place the above legislation on the Rules Calendar for the next session day. Sen. Burke (11th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 10-2.

Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Sen. John Albers (56th), Sen. Matt Brass (28th), Sen. Dean Burke (11th), Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Sen. Steve Gooch (51st), Sen. Tyler Harper (7th), Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd), Sen. Larry Walker III (20th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Gloria S. Butler (55th) and Sen. Elena Parent (42nd) voted against the motion.

There being no further business, Chairman Mullis (53rd) adjourned the meeting at 11:06 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Secretary

/s/ Madeline Lara, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Rules
February 3, 2021**

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Rules was held on February 3, 2021, in Room 450 of the Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd), Chairman
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Secretary
Sen. John Albers (56th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Dean Burke (11th)
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th)
Sen. Steve Gooch (51st), Ex-Officio
Sen. Tyler Harper (7th)
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)
Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd)
Sen. John F. Kennedy (18th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Butch Miller (49th), Ex-Officio (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Elena Parent (42nd)
Sen. Larry Walker III (20th)

NOTE: Sen. Matt Brass (28th) and Sen. Gloria S. Butler (55th) were absent.

Chairman Mullis (53rd) called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m.

NOTE: Sen. Butch Miller (49th) arrived at 11:03 a.m.

The Senate Standing Committee on Rules had under consideration the following legislation:

SR 11 (Sen. Ginn, 47th, LC 112 0595) **Georgia Recyclers Association, the Georgia Recycling Coalition, and the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries and their employees; recognize**

The Chair recognized Sen. Frank Ginn (47th) for the purpose of presenting the resolution. Sen. Ginn (47th) presented the resolution to the Committee.

Committee Recommendation: SR 11 (LC 112 0595) No Action Was Taken.

There being no further business, Chairman Mullis (53rd) adjourned the Senate Standing Committee on Rules at 11:03 a.m.

Chairman Mullis (53rd) called the Senate Committee on Rules to order at 11:08 a.m.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules Calendar for the next session day:
SB 20

Sen. Cowsert (46th) made a motion to place the above legislation on the Rules Calendar for the next session day. Sen. Anderson (24th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Chairman Mullis (53rd) adjourned the meeting at 11:11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Secretary

/s/ Madeline Lara, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Rules
February 4, 2021**

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Rules was held on February 4, 2021, in Room 450 of the Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd), Chairman
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Secretary
Sen. John Albers (56th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Matt Brass (28th)
Sen. Gloria S. Butler (55th)
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th)
Sen. Tyler Harper (7th)
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)
Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd)
Sen. John F. Kennedy (18th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Butch Miller (49th), Ex-Officio (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Elena Parent (42nd)
Sen. Larry Walker III (20th)

NOTE: Sen. Dean Burke (11th) and Sen. Steve Gooch (51st), Ex-Officio were absent.

Chairman Mullis (53rd) called the meeting to order at 10:59 a.m.

NOTE: Sen. Butch Miller (49th) arrived at 11:00 a.m.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules Calendar for the next session day:

SB 5

Sen. Albers (56th) made a motion to place the above legislation on the Rules Calendar for the next session day. Sen. Dugan (30th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Chairman Mullis (53rd) adjourned the meeting at 11:01 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Secretary

/s/ Madeline Lara, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Rules
February 8, 2021**

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Rules was held on February 8, 2021, in Room 450 of the Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd), Chairman
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Secretary
Sen. John Albers (56th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Matt Brass (28th)
Sen. Dean Burke (11th)
Sen. Gloria S. Butler (55th)
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th)
Sen. Tyler Harper (7th)
Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd)
Sen. Butch Miller (49th), Ex-Officio (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Elena Parent (42nd)
Sen. Larry Walker III (20th)

NOTE: Sen. Steve Gooch (51st), Ex-Officio, Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd), and Sen. John F. Kennedy (18th), Ex-Officio were absent.

Chairman Mullis (53rd) called the meeting to order at 2:26 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Butch Miller (49th), Ex-Officio arrived at 2:28 p.m.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules Calendar for the next session day:

SB 4, SR 26, HB 80

Sen. Albers (56th) made a motion to place the above legislation on the Rules Calendar for the next session day. Sen. Anderson (24th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Chairman Mullis (53rd) adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Secretary

/s/ Madeline Lara, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Rules
February 9, 2021**

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Rules was held on February 9, 2021, in Room 450 of the Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd), Chairman
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Secretary
Sen. John Albers (56th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Matt Brass (28th) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Dean Burke (11th)
Sen. Gloria S. Butler (55th)
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th)
Sen. Steve Gooch (51st), Ex-Officio
Sen. Tyler Harper (7th)
Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd)
Sen. John F. Kennedy (18th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Butch Miller (49th), Ex-Officio (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Elena Parent (42nd)
Sen. Larry Walker III (20th) (*Arrived Late*)

NOTE: Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd) was absent.

Chairman Mullis (53rd) called the meeting to order at 11:23 a.m.

The Senate Standing Committee on Rules had under consideration the following legislation:

[SB 87](#) (Sen. Rhett, 33rd, LC 43 1825) "Senator Jack Hill Veterans' Act"; enact

The Chair recognized Sen. Michael Rhett (33rd) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Rhett (33rd) presented the bill to the Committee.

Sen. John Albers (56th) made a motion that **SB 87 Do Pass (LC 43 1825)**. Sen. Harold Jones II seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: SB 87 DO PASS (LC 43 1825)

There being no further business, Chairman Mullis (53rd) adjourned the Senate Standing Committee on Rules at 11:25 a.m.

Chairman Mullis (53rd) called the Senate Committee on Rules to order at 11:25 a.m.

NOTE: Sen. Butch Miller (49th) and Sen. Matt Brass (28th) arrived at 11:26 a.m.

NOTE: Sen. Larry Walker III (20th) arrived at 11:27 a.m.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules Calendar for the next session day:

SB 44, SB 60

Sen. Albers (56th) made a motion to place the above legislation on the Rules Calendar for the next session day. Sen. Burke (11th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Chairman Mullis (53rd) adjourned the meeting at 11:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Secretary

/s/ Madeline Lara, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Rules
February 10, 2021

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Rules was held on February 10, 2021, in Room 450 of the Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd), Chairman
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Secretary
Sen. John Albers (56th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Matt Brass (28th)
Sen. Dean Burke (11th)
Sen. Gloria S. Butler (55th)
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th)
Sen. Steve Gooch (51st), Ex-Officio (*Arrived Late and Left Early*)
Sen. Tyler Harper (7th)
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)
Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. John F. Kennedy (18th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Butch Miller (49th), Ex-Officio (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Elena Parent (42nd) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Larry Walker III (20th) (*Arrived Late*)

Chairman Mullis (53rd) called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m.

NOTE: Sen. Steve Gooch (51st), Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd), and Sen. Butch Miller (49th) arrived at 11:17 a.m.

NOTE: Sen. Elena Parent (42nd) and Sen. Larry Walker III (20th) arrived at 11:18 a.m.

NOTE: Sen. Steve Gooch (51st) left at 11:22 a.m.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules Calendar for the next session day:

SB 32, SB 33, SB 34, SB 49, SB 86

Sen. Burke (11th) made a motion to place the above legislation on the Rules Calendar for the next session day. Sen. Albers (56th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Chairman Mullis (53rd) adjourned the meeting at 11:29 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Secretary

/s/ Madeline Lara, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Rules
February 11, 2021**

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Rules was held on February 11, 2021, in Room 450 of the Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd), Chairman
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Secretary
Sen. John Albers (56th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Matt Brass (28th)
Sen. Dean Burke (11th)
Sen. Gloria S. Butler (55th)
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th)
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)
Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. John F. Kennedy (18th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Butch Miller (49th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Elena Parent (42nd) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Larry Walker III (20th) (*Arrived Late*)

NOTE: Sen. Steve Gooch (51st), Ex-Officio and Sen. Tyler Harper (7th) were absent.

Chairman Mullis (53rd) called the meeting to order at 12:09 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Larry Walker III (20th) arrived at 12:12 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Elena Parent (42nd) and Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd) arrived at 12:13 p.m.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules Calendar for the next session day:

SB 27, SB 43, SB 45, SB 53, SB 87

Sen. Albers (56th) made a motion to place the above legislation on the Rules Calendar for the next session day. Sen. Burke (11th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Chairman Mullis (53rd) adjourned the meeting at 12:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Secretary

/s/ Madeline Lara, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Rules
February 16, 2021**

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Rules was held on February 16, 2021, in Room 450 of the Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd), Chairman
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Secretary
Sen. John Albers (56th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Matt Brass (28th)
Sen. Dean Burke (11th)
Sen. Gloria S. Butler (55th)
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th)
Sen. Tyler Harper (7th)
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)
Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. John F. Kennedy (18th), Ex-Officio (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Butch Miller (49th), Ex-Officio (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Elena Parent (42nd)
Sen. Larry Walker III (20th)

NOTE: Sen. Steve Gooch (51st), Ex-Officio was absent.

Chairman Mullis (53rd) called the meeting to order at 11:32 a.m.

NOTE: Sen. John F. Kennedy (18th) arrived at 11:33 a.m.

NOTE: Sen. Butch Miller (49th) and Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd) arrived at 11:34 a.m.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules Calendar for the next session day:

SB 52, SB 81, SB 88

Sen. Burke (11th) made a motion to place the above legislation on the Rules Calendar for the next session day. Sen. Albers (56th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Chairman Mullis (53rd) adjourned the meeting at 11:42 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Secretary

/s/ Madeline Lara, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Rules
February 17, 2021**

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Rules was held on February 17, 2021, in Room 450 of the Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd), Chairman
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Secretary
Sen. John Albers (56th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Matt Brass (28th)
Sen. Dean Burke (11th)
Sen. Gloria S. Butler (55th)
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th)
Sen. Steve Gooch (51st), Ex-Officio (*Arrived Late and Left Early*)
Sen. Tyler Harper (7th)
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd)
Sen. John F. Kennedy (18th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Butch Miller (49th), Ex-Officio (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Elena Parent (42nd)
Sen. Larry Walker III (20th) (*Arrived Late*)

Chairman Mullis (53rd) called the meeting to order at 11:44 a.m.

NOTE: Sen. Larry Walker III (20th) arrived at 11:45 a.m.

NOTE: Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd) arrived at 11:48 a.m.

NOTE: Sen. Butch Miller (49th) and Sen. Steve Gooch (51st) arrived at 11:52 a.m.

The Senate Standing Committee on Rules had under consideration the following legislation:

SR 62 (Sen. Jackson, 2nd, LC 41 2847) **Smith, Tommie; recognize**

The Chair recognized Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd) for the purpose of presenting the resolution. Sen. Jackson (2nd) presented the resolution to the Committee.

Sen. Dugan (30th) requested that the word “protest” be changed to “movement” in lines 17-18.

Sen. Butler (55th) made a motion that **SR 62 Do Pass by Substitute**. Sen. Dugan (30th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: SR 62 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 28 0204S)

SR 11 (Sen. Ginn, 47th, LC 112 0595) **Georgia Recyclers Association, the Georgia Recycling Coalition, and the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries and their employees; recognize**

The Chair recognized Sen. Frank Ginn (47th) for the purpose of presenting the resolution. Sen. Ginn (47th) presented the resolution to the Committee.

Sen. Burke (11th) made a motion that **SR 11 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 112 0658S)**. Sen. Butch Miller (49th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: SR 11 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 112 0658S)

NOTE: Sen. Steve Gooch (51st) left at 11:55 a.m.

There being no further business, Chairman Mullis (53rd) adjourned the meeting of the Senate Standing Committee on Rules at 11:55 a.m.

Chairman Mullis (53rd) called the Senate Committee on Rules to order at 11:55 a.m.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules Calendar for the next session day:
SB 46

Sen. Albers (56th) made a motion to place the above legislation on the Rules Calendar for the next session day. Sen. Parent (42nd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Chairman Mullis (53rd) adjourned the meeting at 11:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Secretary

/s/ Madeline Lara, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Rules
February 18, 2021

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Rules was held on February 18, 2021, in Room 450 of the Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd), Chairman
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Secretary
Sen. John Albers (56th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Matt Brass (28th)
Sen. Dean Burke (11th)
Sen. Gloria S. Butler (55th)
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th)
Sen. Steve Gooch (51st), Ex-Officio
Sen. Tyler Harper (7th) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)
Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd)
Sen. John F. Kennedy (18th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Butch Miller (49th), Ex-Officio (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Elena Parent (42nd)
Sen. Larry Walker III (20th)

Chairman Mullis (53rd) called the meeting to order at 11:12 a.m.

NOTE: Sen. Butch Miller (49th) and Sen. Tyler Harper (7th) arrived at 11:14 a.m.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules Calendar for the next session day:

SR 28, SR 29

Sen. Walker (20th) made a motion to place the above legislation on the Rules Calendar for the next session day. Sen. Kennedy (18th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 12-3.

Sen. Cowsert (46th), Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Albers (56th), Sen. Brass (28th), Sen. Burke (11th), Sen. Dugan (30th), Sen. Gooch (51st), Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Hufstetler (52nd), Sen. Kennedy (18th), Sen. Miller (49th), Sen. Walker III (20th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Butler (55th), Sen. Jones (22nd), and Sen. Parent (42nd) voted against the motion.

There being no further business, Chairman Mullis (53rd) adjourned the meeting at 11:21 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Secretary

/s/ Madeline Lara, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Rules
February 22, 2021

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Rules was held on February 22, 2021, in Room 450 of the Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd), Chairman
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Secretary
Sen. John Albers (56th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Matt Brass (28th)
Sen. Dean Burke (11th)
Sen. Gloria S. Butler (55th)
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th)
Sen. Steve Gooch (51st), Ex-Officio (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Tyler Harper (7th)
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)
Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd)
Sen. John F. Kennedy (18th), Ex-Officio (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Butch Miller (49th), Ex-Officio (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Elena Parent (42nd)
Sen. Larry Walker III (20th)

Chairman Mullis (53rd) called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Butch Miller (49th), Sen. Steve Gooch (51st), and Sen. John F. Kennedy (18th) arrived at 12:07 p.m.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules Calendar for the next session day:

SB 40, SB 67, SB 184, SB 188

Sen. Burke (11th) made a motion to place the above legislation on the Rules Calendar for the next session day. Sen. Albers (56th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 14-1.

Sen. Cowsert (46th), Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Albers (56th), Sen. Brass (28th), Sen. Burke (11th), Sen. Butler (55th), Sen. Dugan (30th), Sen. Gooch (51st), Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Hufstetler (52nd), Sen. Jones (22nd), Sen. Kennedy (18th), Sen. Miller (49th) and Sen. Walker (20th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Parent (42nd) voted against the motion.

There being no further business, Chairman Mullis (53rd) adjourned the meeting at 12:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Secretary

/s/ Madeline Lara, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Rules
February 23, 2021**

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Rules was held on February 23, 2021, in Room 450 of the Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd), Chairman
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Secretary
Sen. Matt Brass (28th)
Sen. Dean Burke (11th)
Sen. Gloria S. Butler (55th)
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th)
Sen. Steve Gooch (51st), Ex-Officio (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Tyler Harper (7th)
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)
Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd)
Sen. John F. Kennedy (18th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Butch Miller (49th), Ex-Officio (*Stepped Out*)
Sen. Elena Parent (42nd)
Sen. Larry Walker III (20th)

NOTE: Sen. John Albers (56th), Ex-Officio was absent.

Chairman Mullis (53rd) called the meeting to order at 12:53 p.m.

The Senate Standing Committee on Rules had under consideration the following legislation:

[SB 221](#) (Sen. Mullis, 53rd, LC 28 0192) Ethics in Government; leadership committees; chairpersons; such committees may receive contributions and make expenditures; provide

Chairman Mullis (53rd) seated Vice-Chairman Cowsert (46th) for the purpose of calling up SB 221.

The Vice-Chair recognized Sen. Mullis (53rd) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Mullis (53rd) presented the bill to the Committee.

Sen. Miller (49th) made a motion that **SB 221 Do Pass (LC 28 0192)**. Sen. Dugan (30th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: SB 221 DO PASS (LC 28 0192)

Chairman Mullis (53rd) resumed presiding over the meeting.

[SR 117](#) (Sen. Seay, 34th, LC 122 0105) Democratic Party of Clayton County and the Young Democrats of Clayton County; recognize

The Chair recognized Sen. Valencia Seay (34th) for the purpose of presenting the resolution. Sen. Seay (34th) presented the resolution to the Committee.

Sen. Jones (22nd) made a motion that **SR 117 Do Pass (LC 122 0105)**. Sen. Miller (49th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: SR 117 DO PASS (LC 122 0105)

SR 125 (Sen. Jackson, 2nd, LC 123 0103) **Georgia Companies and Institutions; equitable and diverse gender representation on the boards and in the senior management; encourage**

The Chair recognized Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd) for the purpose of presenting the resolution. Sen. Jackson (2nd) presented the resolution to the Committee.

Sen. Butler (55th) made a motion that **SR 125 Do Pass (LC 123 0103)**. Sen. Butch Miller (49th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: SR 125 DO PASS (LC 123 0103)

There being no further business, Chairman Mullis (53rd) adjourned the meeting of the Senate Standing Committee on Rules at 1:05 p.m.

Chairman Mullis (53rd) called the Senate Committee on Rules to order at 1:05 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Steve Gooch (51st) arrived at 1:07 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Butch Miller (49th) left at 1:14 p.m. and returned at 1:19 p.m.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules Calendar for the next session day:

SB 51, SB 89, SB 100, SB 119, SB 148, SB 157, HB 265

Sen. Harper (7th) made a motion to place the above legislation on the Rules Calendar for the next session day. Sen. Anderson (24th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Chairman Mullis (53rd) adjourned the meeting at 1:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Secretary

/s/ Madeline Lara, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Rules
February 24, 2021**

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Rules was held on February 24, 2021, in Room 450 of the Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd), Chairman
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Secretary
Sen. John Albers (56th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Matt Brass (28th)
Sen. Dean Burke (11th)
Sen. Gloria S. Butler (55th)
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th)
Sen. Steve Gooch (51st), Ex-Officio (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Tyler Harper (7th)
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)
Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd)
Sen. John F. Kennedy (18th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Butch Miller (49th), Ex-Officio (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Elena Parent (42nd)
Sen. Larry Walker III (20th)

Chairman Mullis (53rd) called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Steve Gooch (51st), Ex-Officio arrived at 1:04 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Butch Miller (49th), Ex-Officio arrived at 1:05 p.m.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules Calendar for the next session day:

SB 105, SB 143, SB 159, SB 193

Sen. Albers (56th) made a motion to place the above legislation on the Rules Calendar for the next session day. Sen. Burke (11th) seconded the motion. The motion unanimously.

There being no further business, Chairman Mullis (53rd) adjourned the meeting at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Secretary

/s/ Madeline Lara, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Rules
February 25, 2021**

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Rules was held on February 25, 2021, in Room 450 of the Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd), Chairman
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Secretary
Sen. John Albers (56th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Matt Brass (28th)
Sen. Dean Burke (11th)
Sen. Gloria S. Butler (55th)
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th)
Sen. Steve Gooch (51st), Ex-Officio
Sen. Tyler Harper (7th)
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)
Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd)
Sen. John F. Kennedy (18th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Butch Miller (49th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Elena Parent (42nd)
Sen. Larry Walker III (20th)

NOTE: Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th) was absent.

Chairman Mullis (53rd) called the meeting to order at 11:31 a.m.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules Calendar for the next session day:
SB 28, SB 85, SB 115, SB 116, SB 174, SB 198, SB 201, SB 215, SB 221

Sen. Albers (56th) made a motion to place the above legislation on the Rules Calendar for the next session day. Sen. Kennedy (18th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Chairman Mullis (53rd) adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Secretary

/s/ Madeline Lara, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Rules
February 26, 2021

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Rules was held on February 26, 2021, in Room 450 of the Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd), Chairman
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Secretary
Sen. John Albers (56th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Dean Burke (11th)
Sen. Gloria S. Butler (55th)
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th)
Sen. Tyler Harper (7th)
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)
Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd)
Sen. John F. Kennedy (18th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Butch Miller (49th), Ex-Officio (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Elena Parent (42nd)
Sen. Larry Walker III (20th)

NOTE: Sen. Matt Brass (28th) and Sen. Steve Gooch (51st), Ex-Officio were absent.

Chairman Mullis (53rd) called the meeting to order at 2:09 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Butch Miller (49th) arrived at 2:10 p.m.

The Senate Standing Committee on Rules had under consideration the following legislation:

SB 252 (Sen. Seay, 34th, LC 43 1930) **Public Officers; the compensation of certain public officials; revise**

The Chair recognized Sen. Valencia Seay (34th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Seay (34th) presented the bill to the Committee.

Sen. Butler (55th) made a motion that **SB 252 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 43 1964S)**. Sen. Cowsert (46th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: SB 252 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 43 1964S)

SR 84 (Sen. Harper, 7th, LC 39 2822) **Airport Infrastructure and Improvements; create Joint Study Committee**

The Chair recognized Sen. Tyler Harper (7th) for the purpose of presenting the resolution. Sen. Harper (7th) presented the resolution to the Committee.

Sen. John Albers (56th) made a motion that **SR 84 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 2961S)**. Sen. Dean Burke (11th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: SR 84 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 39 2961S)

SR 143 (Sen. Harbin, 16th, LC 34 5748) General Assembly Chaplain; honorary position; appoint

The Chair recognized Sen. Marty Harbin (16th) for the purpose of presenting the resolution. Sen. Harbin (16th) presented the resolution to the Committee.

Sen. Albers (56th) made a motion that **SR 143 Do Pass (LC 34 5748)**. Sen. Burke (11th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: SR 143 DO PASS (LC 34 5748)

SR 106 (Sen. Jordan, 6th, LC 28 0028) General Assembly; allocation of certain funds; the creation of a continuing fund; provide -CA

The Chair recognized Sen. Jen Jordan (6th) for the purpose of presenting the resolution. Sen. Jordan (6th) presented the resolution to the Committee.

Sen. Jones (22nd) made a motion that **SR 106 Do Pass (LC 28 0028)**. Sen. Miller (49th) seconded the motion. The motion failed by a vote of 4-9.

Sen. Butler (55th), Sen. Miller (49th) Sen. Parent (42nd), and Sen. Jones (22nd) voted for the motion.

Sen. Cowsert (46th), Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Albers (56th), Sen. Burke (11th), Sen. Dugan (30th), Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Hufstetler (52nd), Sen. Kennedy (18th) and Sen. Walker (20th) voted against the motion.

Committee Recommendation: SR 106 (LC 28 0028) No Action Was Taken.

There being no further business, Chairman Mullis (53rd) adjourned the meeting of the Senate Standing Committee on Rules at 2:34 p.m.

Chairman Mullis (53rd) called the Senate Committee on Rules to order at 2:34 p.m.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules Calendar for the next session day:
SB 80, SB 82, SB 112, SB 114, SB 140, SB 169, SB 185, SB 235

Sen. Albers (56th), made a motion to place the above legislation on the Rules Calendar for the next session day. Sen. Kennedy (18th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Chairman Mullis (53rd) adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Secretary

/s/ Madeline Lara, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Rules
March 1, 2021

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Rules was held on March 1, 2021, in Room 450 of the Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd), Chairman
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Secretary
Sen. John Albers (56th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Dean Burke (11th)
Sen. Gloria S. Butler (55th)
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th)
Sen. Steve Gooch (51st), Ex-Officio (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Tyler Harper (7th)
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)
Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd)
Sen. John F. Kennedy (18th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Butch Miller (49th), Ex-Officio (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Elena Parent (42nd)
Sen. Larry Walker III (20th)

NOTE: Sen. Matt Brass (28th) was absent.

Chairman Mullis (53rd) called the meeting to order at 3:25 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Butch Miller (49th) arrived at 3:26 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Steve Gooch (51st) arrived at 3:27 p.m.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules Calendar for the next session day:

SB 42, SB 47, SB 59, SB 66, SB 95, SB 107, SB 113, SB 117, SB 168, SB 182, SB 183, SB 187, SB 195, SB 204, SB 222

Sen. Albers (56th) made a motion to place the above legislation on the Rules Calendar for the next session day. Sen. Kennedy (18th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Chairman Mullis (53rd) adjourned the meeting at 3:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Secretary

/s/ Madeline Lara, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Rules
March 4, 2021**

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Rules was held on March 4, 2021, in Room 450 of the Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd), Chairman
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Vice-Chairman (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Secretary
Sen. John Albers (56th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Matt Brass (28th)
Sen. Gloria S. Butler (55th)
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th)
Sen. Steve Gooch (51st), Ex-Officio (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Tyler Harper (7th)
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)
Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd)
Sen. John F. Kennedy (18th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Butch Miller (49th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Elena Parent (42nd)
Sen. Larry Walker III (20th)

NOTE: Sen. Dean Burke (11th) was absent.

Chairman Mullis (53rd) called the meeting to order at 10:42 a.m.

NOTE: The meeting stood at recess from 10:44 a.m. until 10:45 a.m.

NOTE: Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th) arrived at 10:47 a.m.

NOTE: Sen. Steve Gooch (51st) arrived at 10:52 a.m.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules Calendar for the next session day:

SB 75, SB 78, SB 92, SB 142, SB 145, SB 152, SB 153, SB 156, SB 163, SB 165, SB 200, SB 210, SB 219, SB 220, SB 236, SB 246, SB 255, SR 39, SR 84, SR 135, SR 143

Sen. Kennedy (18th) made a motion to place the above legislation on the Rules Calendar for the next session day. Sen. Miller (49th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Chairman Mullis (53rd) adjourned the meeting at 11:21 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Secretary

/s/ Madeline Lara, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Rules
March 5, 2021

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Rules was held on March 5, 2021, in Room 450 of the Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd), Chairman
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Secretary
Sen. John Albers (56th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Matt Brass (28th)
Sen. Dean Burke (11th)
Sen. Gloria S. Butler (55th)
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th)
Sen. Steve Gooch (51st), Ex-Officio (*Left Early*)
Sen. Tyler Harper (7th)
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)
Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd)
Sen. Butch Miller (49th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Elena Parent (42nd)
Sen. Larry Walker III (20th)

NOTE: Sen. John F. Kennedy (18th), Ex-Officio was absent.

Chairman Mullis (53rd) called the meeting to order at 2:51 p.m.

NOTE: The meeting stood at recess from 3:29 p.m. until 3:33 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Steve Gooch (51st) left at 3:34 p.m.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules Calendar for the next session day:

SB 62, SB 69, SB 71, SB 72, SB 74, SB 93, SB 141, SB 178, SB 202, SB 232, SB 241, SB 253, SR 100

Sen. Cowsert (46th) made a motion to place the above legislation on the Rules Calendar for the next session day. Sen. Albers (56th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 10-3.

Sen. Cowsert (46th), Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Albers (56th), Sen. Brass (28th), Sen. Burke (11th), Sen. Dugan (30th), Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Hufstetler (52nd), Sen. Miller (49th), and Sen. Walker (20th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Butler (55th), Sen. Jones (22nd), and Sen. Parent (42nd) voted against the motion.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules Calendar for the next session day:

SB 10, SB 90, SB 96, SB 97, SB 98, SB 106, SB 120, SB 144, SB 162, SB 164, SB 166, SB 199, SB 213, SB 214, SB 218, SB 225, SB 226, SB 234, SB 237, SB 238, SB 240, SB 247, SB 252, SB 256, SB 258, SB 260, SB 276, SR 102, SR 134, SR 154, HB 156

Sen. Albers (56th) made a motion to place the above legislation on the Rules Calendar for the next session day. Sen. Harper (7th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Chairman Mullis (53rd) adjourned the meeting at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Secretary

/s/ Madeline Lara, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Rules
March 9, 2021

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Rules was held on March 9, 2021, in Room 450 of the Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd), Chairman
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Vice-Chairman (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Secretary
Sen. John Albers (56th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Matt Brass (28th) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Dean Burke (11th) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Gloria S. Butler (55th) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th)
Sen. Steve Gooch (51st), Ex-Officio (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Tyler Harper (7th)
Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. John F. Kennedy (18th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Butch Miller (49th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Elena Parent (42nd) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Larry Walker III (20th)

NOTE: Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd) was absent.

Chairman Mullis (53rd) called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

NOTE: Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Sen. Matt Brass (28th) and Sen. Steve Gooch (51st) arrived at 10:04a.m.

NOTE: Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd) arrived at 10:05 a.m.

NOTE: Sen. Elena Parent (42nd) arrived at 10:07 a.m.

NOTE: Sen. Dean Burke (11th) and Sen. Gloria S. Butler (55th) arrived at 10:13 a.m.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules Calendar for the next session day:

HB 90, HB 245, HB 367

Sen. Albers (56th) made a motion to place the above legislation on the Rules Calendar for the next session day. Sen. Burke (11th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Chairman Mullis (53rd) adjourned the meeting at 10:19 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Secretary

/s/ Madeline Lara, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Rules
March 9, 2021

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Rules was held on March 9, 2021, in Room 450 of the Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd), Chairman
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Secretary
Sen. John Albers (56th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Matt Brass (28th)
Sen. Gloria S. Butler (55th) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th)
Sen. Steve Gooch (51st), Ex-Officio
Sen. Tyler Harper (7th)
Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd)
Sen. John F. Kennedy (18th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Butch Miller (49th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Elena Parent (42nd)
Sen. Larry Walker III (20th)

NOTE: Sen. Dean Burke (11th) and Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd) were absent.

Chairman Mullis (53rd) called the meeting to order at 2:37 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Gloria S. Butler (55th) arrived at 2:41 p.m.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules Calendar for the next session day:

HB 93, HB 105, HB 106, HB 129, HB 163

Sen. Albers (56th) made a motion to place the above legislation on the Rules Calendar for the next session day. Sen. Matt (28th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Chairman Mullis (53rd) adjourned the meeting at 2:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Secretary

/s/ Madeline Lara, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Rules
March 10, 2021

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Rules was held on March 10, 2021, in Room 450 of the Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd), Chairman
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Secretary
Sen. John Albers (56th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Matt Brass (28th)
Sen. Dean Burke (11th)
Sen. Gloria S. Butler (55th)
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th)
Sen. Tyler Harper (7th)
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)
Sen. John F. Kennedy (18th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Butch Miller (49th), Ex-Officio (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Elena Parent (42nd)
Sen. Larry Walker III (20th)

NOTE: Sen. Steve Gooch (51st) and Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd) were absent.

Chairman Mullis (53rd) called the meeting to order at 11:22 a.m.

NOTE: Sen. Butch Miller (49th) arrived at 11:23 a.m.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules Calendar for the next session day:

SB 274, SB 275

Sen. Albers (56th) made a motion to place the above legislation on the Rules Calendar for the next session day. Sen. Butler (55th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Chairman Mullis (53rd) adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Secretary

/s/ Madeline Lara, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Rules
March 11, 2021

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Rules was held on March 11, 2021, in Room 450 of the Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd), Chairman
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Secretary
Sen. John Albers (56th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Dean Burke (11th)
Sen. Gloria S. Butler (55th)
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th)
Sen. Steve Gooch (51st), Ex-Officio
Sen. Tyler Harper (7th) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)
Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. John F. Kennedy (18th), Ex-Officio (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Butch Miller (49th), Ex-Officio (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Elena Parent (42nd) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Larry Walker III (20th)

NOTE: Sen. Matt Brass (28th) was absent.

Chairman Mullis (53rd) called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m.

NOTE: Sen. Elena Parent (42nd) arrived at 11:02 a.m.

NOTE: Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd) and Sen. John F. Kennedy (18th) arrived at 11:03 a.m.

NOTE: Sen. Butch Miller (49th) arrived at 11:05 a.m.

NOTE: Sen. Tyler Harper (7th) arrived at 11:09 a.m.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules Calendar for the next session day:

HB 111

Sen. Walker (20th) made a motion to place the above legislation on the Rules Calendar for the next session day. Sen. Butler (55th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Chairman Mullis (53rd) adjourned the meeting at 11:12 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Secretary

/s/ Madeline Lara, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Rules
March 15, 2021

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Rules was held on March 15, 2021, in Room 450 of the Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Secretary
Sen. John Albers (56th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Dean Burke (11th)
Sen. Gloria S. Butler (55th)
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th)
Sen. Steve Gooch (51st), Ex-Officio
Sen. Tyler Harper (7th)
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)
Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. John F. Kennedy (18th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Elena Parent (42nd)
Sen. Larry Walker III (20th)

NOTE: Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd), Sen. Butch Miller (49th), Ex-Officio, and Sen. Matt Brass (28th) were absent.

Vice-Chairman Cowsert (46th) called the meeting to order at 11:24 a.m.

NOTE: Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd) arrived at 11:27 a.m.

No bills were placed on the Rules Calendar.

There being no further business, Vice-Chairman Cowsert (46th) adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Secretary

/s/ Madeline Lara, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Rules
March 16, 2021

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Rules was held on March 16, 2021, in Room 450 of the Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd), Chairman
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Secretary (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. John Albers (56th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Matt Brass (28th)
Sen. Gloria S. Butler (55th)
Sen. Steve Gooch (51st), Ex-Officio (*Left Early*)
Sen. Tyler Harper (7th)
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)
Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd)
Sen. Butch Miller (49th), Ex-Officio (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Elena Parent (42nd)

NOTE: Sen. Dean Burke (11th), Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Sen. John F. Kennedy (18th), Ex-Officio, and Sen. Larry Walker III (20th) were absent.

Chairman Mullis (53rd) called the meeting to order at 11:52 a.m.

NOTE: Sen. Lee Anderson (24th) arrived at 11:54 a.m.

NOTE: Sen. Butch Miller (49th) arrived at 11:55 a.m.

NOTE: Sen. Steve Gooch (51st) left at 12:11 p.m.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules Calendar for the next session day:

HB 63, HB 112, HB 169, HB 207, HB 208, HB 497, HB 693

Sen. Albers (56th) made a motion to place the above legislation on the Rules Calendar for the next session day. Sen. Butler (55th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Chairman Mullis (53rd) adjourned the meeting at 12:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Secretary

/s/ Madeline Lara, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Rules
March 17, 2021

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Rules was held on March 17, 2021, in Room 450 of the Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd), Chairman
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Secretary
Sen. John Albers (56th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Matt Brass (28th)
Sen. Dean Burke (11th)
Sen. Gloria S. Butler (55th)
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th)
Sen. Steve Gooch (51st), Ex-Officio (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Tyler Harper (7th) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)
Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. John F. Kennedy (18th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Butch Miller (49th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Elena Parent (42nd)
Sen. Larry Walker III (20th) (*Left Early*)

Chairman Mullis (53rd) called the meeting to order at 12:42 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Tyler Harper (7th) arrived at 12:44 p.m.

The Senate Standing Committee on Rules had under consideration the following legislation:

SR 190 (Sen. Brass, 28th, LC 112 0673) Congress; allow individuals to retain the right to use their image and likeness and shield them from copyright infringement; urge

The Chair recognized Sen. Matt Brass (28th) for the purpose of presenting the resolution. Sen. Brass (28th) presented the resolution to the Committee.

Sen. Burke (11th) made a motion that **SR 190 Do Pass (LC 112 0673)**. Sen. Albers (56th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: SR 190 DO PASS (LC 112 0673)

NOTE: Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd) arrived at 12:48 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Steve Gooch (51st) arrived at 12:52 p.m.

SR 201 (Sen. Miller, 49th, LC 122 0229) SK Innovation; recognize

The Chair recognized Sen. Butch Miller (49th) for the purpose of presenting the resolution. Sen. Miller (49th) presented the resolution to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for comments from the public.

Testimony in Favor of the Resolution:

None

Testimony in Opposition to the Resolution:

Sam Owen, LG Electronics

Sen. Anderson (24th) made a motion that **SR 201 Do Pass (LC 122 0229)**. Sen. Walker (20th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 13-2.

Sen. Cowsert (46th), Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Albers (56th), Sen. Brass (28th), Sen. Burke (11th), Sen. Butler (55th), Sen. Dugan (30th), Sen. Gooch (51st), Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Hufstetler (52nd), Sen. Kennedy (18th), Sen. Miller (49th), and Sen. Walker (20th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Jones (22nd) and Sen. Parent (42nd) voted against the motion.

Committee Recommendation: SR 201 DO PASS (LC 122 0229)

There being no further business, Chairman Mullis (53rd) adjourned the meeting of the Senate Standing Committee on Rules at 12:59 p.m.

Chairman Mullis (53rd) called the Senate Committee on Rules to order at 12:59 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Walker (20th) left at 1:23 p.m.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules Calendar for the next session day:

HB 114, HB 124, HB 153, HB 161, HB 234, HB 271, HB 292, HB 336, HB 362, HB 364, HB 374, HB 410, HB 488, HB 511, HB 593

Sen. Burke (11th) made a motion to place the above legislation on the Rules Calendar for the next session day. Sen. Kennedy (18th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Chairman Mullis (53rd) adjourned the meeting at 1:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Secretary

/s/ Madeline Lara, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Rules
March 22, 2021

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Rules was held on March 22, 2021, in Room 450 of the Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd), Chairman
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Secretary (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. John Albers (56th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Dean Burke (11th)
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th)
Sen. Tyler Harper (7th) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)
Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd), Ex-Officio
Sen. John F. Kennedy (18th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Elena Parent (42nd)

NOTE: Sen. Matt Brass (28th), Sen. Gloria S. Butler (55th), Sen. Steve Gooch (51st), Ex-Officio, Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd), Sen. Butch Miller (49th), Ex-Officio, and Sen. Larry Walker III (20th) were absent.

NOTE: Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd) was appointed to the Senate Committee on Rules, as an Ex-Officio member, by Lieutenant Governor Geoff Duncan for the 9:00 a.m. Rules meeting on March, 22nd, 2021. A copy of the letter of appointment is attached.

Chairman Mullis (53rd) called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

NOTE: Sen. Tyler Harper (7th) arrived at 9:05 a.m.

NOTE: Sen. Lee Anderson (24th) arrived at 9:12 a.m.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules Calendar for the next session day:

HB 119, HB 149, HB 150, HB 316

Sen. Albers (56th) made a motion to place the above legislation on the Rules Calendar for the next session day. Sen. Kennedy (18th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Chairman Mullis (53rd) adjourned the meeting at 9:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Secretary

/s/ Madeline Lara, Recording Secretary



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LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

March 22, 2021

Mr. David Cook
Secretary of the Senate
353 State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Mr. Cook,

In accordance with the Senate Rules, and in agreement with the Senate Committee on Assignments, I hereby appoint **Senator Lester Jackson** to serve as an **Ex-Officio** for the **Senate Rules Committee meeting today at 9am.**

Sincerely,

Geoff Duncan
Lt. Governor of Georgia

cc: Appointee
Legislative Fiscal Office
Committee Chairman

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Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Secretary
Sen. Dean Burke (11th)
Sen. Gloria S. Butler (55th)
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Tyler Harper (7th) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)
Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd)
Sen. John F. Kennedy (18th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Butch Miller (49th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Elena Parent (42nd)
Sen. Larry Walker III (20th)

NOTE: Sen. John Albers (56th), Ex-Officio, Sen. Matt Brass (28th), and Sen. Steve Gooch (51st), Ex-Officio were absent.

Chairman Mullis (53rd) called the meeting to order at 3:34 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Mike Dugan (30th) and Sen. Tyler Harper (7th) arrived at 3:36 p.m.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules Calendar for the next session day:

SR 190, SR 201, HB 81, HB 154, HB 168, HB 210, HB 395, HB 451

Sen. Anderson (24th) made a motion to place the above legislation on the Rules Calendar for the next session day. Sen. Burke (11th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Chairman Mullis (53rd) adjourned the meeting at 4:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Secretary

/s/ Madeline Lara, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Rules
March 24, 2021

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Rules was held on March 24, 2021, in Room 450 of the Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd), Chairman
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Vice-Chairman (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Secretary (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. John Albers (56th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Matt Brass (28th)
Sen. Dean Burke (11th) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Gloria S. Butler (55th) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th)
Sen. Steve Gooch (51st), Ex-Officio (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Tyler Harper (7th) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)
Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. John F. Kennedy (18th), Ex-Officio (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Butch Miller (49th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Elena Parent (42nd)
Sen. Larry Walker III (20th) (*Arrived Late*)

Chairman Mullis (53rd) called the meeting to order at 3:09 p.m.

The Senate Standing Committee on Rules had under consideration the following legislation:

[SR 281](#) (Sen. Miller, 49th, LC 34 5765) **Senate Study Committee on Violence Against Health Care Workers; create**

The Chair recognized Sen. Butch Miller (49th) for the purpose of presenting the resolution. Sen. Miller (49th) presented the resolution to the Committee.

Sen. Albers (56th) made a motion that **SR 281 Do Pass (LC 34 5765)**. Sen. Butler (55th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: SR 281 DO PASS (LC 34 5765)

There being no further business, Chairman Mullis (53rd) adjourned the meeting of the Senate Standing Committee on Rules at 3:13 p.m.

Chairman Mullis (53rd) called the Senate Committee on Rules to order at 2:34 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Sen. Dean Burke (11th), Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd), Sen. John F. Kennedy (18th) arrived at 3:11 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Steve Gooch (51st) and Sen. Gloria S. Butler (55th) arrived at 3:12 p.m.

HB 333 (Rep. Efstration, 104th, LC 41 3005S) Ethics in Government Act of 2021; enact

The Chair presented the substitute to the Committee.

Sen. Miller (49th) made a motion that **HB 333 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 28 0344S)**. Sen. Brass (28th) seconded the motion. The motion failed.

Committee Recommendation: HB 333 (LC 41 3005S) No Action Was Taken.

NOTE: Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Sen. Tyler Harper (7th), and Sen. Larry Walker III (20th) arrived at 3:22 p.m.

HB 141 (Rep. Gaines, 117th, LC 41 2801) Criminal procedure; awards made from Georgia Crime Victims Emergency Fund to medical service providers; provide requirements

The Chair presented the substitute to the Committee.

Jay Neal, Executive Director of Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, was recognized to speak to the substitute. He spoke in favor of the substitute.

Sen. Cowsert (46th) made a motion that **HB 141 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 41 3141S)**. Sen. Albers (56th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: HB 141 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 41 3141S)

HB 465 (Rep. Gullett, 19th, LC 36 4753S) Local government; imposing civil penalties upon an alarm systems contractor for a false alarm that occurs through no fault of alarm systems contractor; prohibit

The Chair recognized Rep. Joseph Gullet (19th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Gullet (19th) presented the bill to the Committee.

Sen. Albers (56th) made a motion that **HB 465 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 36 4812S)**. Sen. Miller (49th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: HB 465 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 36 4812S)

Chairman Mullis (53rd) adjourned the meeting of the Senate Standing Committee on Rules at 4:03 p.m. Chairman Mullis (53rd) called the Senate Committee on Rules to order at until 4:06 p.m.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules Calendar for the next session day:

HB 34, HB 44, HB 68, HB 98, HB 141, HB 146, HB 173, HB 205, HB 268, HB 286, HB 346, HB 353, HB 354, HB 363, HB 370, HB 453, HB 459, HB 465, HB 553, HB 567, HB 611, HB 631, HR 24, HR 25, HR 26, HR 119, HR 183, HR 282

Sen. Harper (7th) made a motion to place the above legislation on the Rules Calendar for the next session day. Sen. Albers (56th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Chairman Mullis (53rd) adjourned the meeting at 4:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Secretary

/s/ Madeline Lara, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Rules
March 26, 2021

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Rules was held on March 26, 2021, in Room 450 of the Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd), Chairman
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. John Albers (56th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Dean Burke (11th)
Sen. Gloria S. Butler (55th) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th)
Sen. Steve Gooch (51st), Ex-Officio (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Tyler Harper (7th)
Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. John F. Kennedy (18th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Butch Miller (49th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Elena Parent (42nd)
Sen. Larry Walker III (20th)

NOTE: Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Sen. Matt Brass (28th), and Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd) were absent.

Chairman Mullis (53rd) called the meeting to order at 10:17 a.m.

NOTE: Sen. Gloria S. Butler (55th) and Sen. Steve Gooch (51st) arrived at 10:18 a.m.

The Senate Standing Committee on Rules had under consideration the following legislation:

SR 76 (Sen. Jackson, 2nd, LC 48 0305) **Senate Study Committee on Employee Misclassification; create**

The Chair recognized Sen. Ed Harbison (15th) for the purpose of presenting the resolution. Sen. Harbison (15th) presented the resolution to the Committee.

Sen. Butler (55th) made a motion that **SR 76 Do Pass (LC 48 0305)**. Sen. Albers (56th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: SR 76 DO PASS (LC 48 0305)

SR 150 (Sen. Harbison, 15th, LC 28 0245) **Senate Crime and Youth Study Committee; create**

The Chair recognized Sen. Ed Harbison (15th) for the purpose of presenting the resolution. Sen. Harbison (15th) presented the resolution to the Committee.

Sen. Walker (20th) made a motion that **SR 150 Do Pass (LC 28 0245)**. Sen. Miller (49th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: SR 150 DO PASS (LC 28 0245)

SR 151 (Sen. Harbison, 15th, LC 33 8680) Senate Sickle Cell Anemia Study Committee; create

The Chair recognized Sen. Ed Harbison (15th) for the purpose of presenting the resolution. Sen. Harbison (15th) presented the resolution to the Committee.

Sen. Dugan (30th) made a motion that **SR 151 Do Pass (LC 33 8680)**. Sen. Parent (42nd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: SR 151 DO PASS (LC 33 8680)

SR 129 (Sen. Orrock, 36th, LC 43 1904) Senate Retirement Security for Georgians Study Committee; create

The Chair recognized Sen. Nan Orrock (36th) for the purpose of presenting the resolution. Sen. Orrock (36th) presented the resolution to the Committee.

Sen. Butler (55th) made a motion that **SR 129 Do Pass (LC 43 1904)**. Sen. Parent (42nd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: SR 129 DO PASS (LC 43 1904)

SR 167 (Sen. Beach, 21st, LC 112 0669) Taiwan; relations with the United States and the State of Georgia; commend

The Chair recognized Sen. Brandon Beach (21st) for the purpose of presenting the resolution. Sen. Beach (21st) presented the resolution to the Committee.

Sen. Harper (7th) made a motion that **SR 167 Do Pass (LC 112 0669)**. Sen. Miller (49th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: SR 167 DO PASS (LC 112 0669)

SR 177 (Sen. Seay, 34th, LC 122 0207) Seay, Senator Valencia; recognize

The Chair recognized Sen. Valencia Seay (34th) for the purpose of presenting the resolution. Sen. Seay (34th) presented the resolution to the Committee.

Sen. Albers (56th) made a motion that **SR 177 Do Pass (LC 122 0207)**. Sen. Parent (42nd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: SR 177 DO PASS (LC 122 0207)

SR 192 (Sen. Payne, 54th, LC 41 3066) Senate Age of Mandatory Education Study Committee; create

The Chair recognized Sen. Chuck Payne (54th) for the purpose of presenting the resolution. Sen. Payne (54th) presented the resolution to the Committee.

Sen. Albers (56th) made a motion that **SR 192 Do Pass (LC 41 3066)**. Sen. Miller (49th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: SR 192 DO PASS (LC 41 3066)

SR 203 (Sen. Rahman, 5th, LC 49 0448) Senate Outdoor Learning Study Committee; create

The Chair recognized Sen. Sheikh Rahman (5th) for the purpose of presenting the resolution. Sen. Rahman (5th) presented the resolution to the Committee.

Sen. Dugan (30th) made a motion that **SR 203 Do Pass (LC 49 0448)**. Sen. Miller (49th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: SR 203 DO PASS (LC 49 0448)

SR 283 (Sen. Jones II, 22nd, LC 41 3125) Senate Improving Access to Healthy Foods and Ending Food Deserts Study Committee; create

The Chair presented the resolution to the Committee.

Sen. (55th) made a motion that **SR 283 Do Pass (LC 41 3125)**. Sen. Dugan (30th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: SR 283 DO PASS (LC 41 3125)

There being no further business, Chairman Mullis (53rd) adjourned the meeting of the Senate Standing Committee on Rules at 10:29 a.m.

Chairman Mullis (53rd) called the Senate Committee on Rules to order at 10:29 a.m.

NOTE: Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th) left at 11:20 a.m.

NOTE: Sen. Steve Gooch (51st) left at 11:28 a.m.

NOTE: Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd) arrived at 11:30 a.m.

NOTE: Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th) returned at 11:32 a.m.

HB 218 (Rep. Ballinger, 23rd, LC 39 3015S) Crimes and offenses; weapons carry license reciprocity in this state; expand

The Chair presented the substitute to the Committee.

Sen. Bo Hatchett (50th) was recognized to speak to the substitute. He spoke in favor of the substitute.

Sen. Harper (7th) made a motion that **HB 281 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 39 3075-ECS)**. Sen. Albers (56th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 8-3.

Sen. Cowsert (46th), Sen. Albers (56th), Sen. Burke (11th), Sen. Dugan (30th), Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Kennedy (18th), Sen. Miller (49th), and Sen. Walker (20th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Butler (55th), Sen. Jones (22nd), and Sen. Parent (42nd) voted against the motion.

Committee Recommendation: HB 281 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 39 3075-ECS)

HB 67 (Rep. Martin, 49th, LC 49 0547S) State government; public property; extend automatic repeals of certain provisions

The Chair recognized Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Cowsert (46th) presented the bill to the Committee.

Sen. Cowsert (46th) made a motion that **HB 67 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 49 0556S)**. Sen. Miller (49th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: HB 67 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 49 0556S)

NOTE: Sen. Steve Gooch (51st) returned at 11:39 a.m.

HB 317 (Rep. Stephens, 164th, LC 43 2026S) Excise tax; revise definition of innkeeper to include marketplace facilitators; provisions

The Chair recognized Sen. Butch Miller (49th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Miller (49th) presented the bill to the Committee.

Sen. Albers (56th) made a motion that **HB 317 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 43 2037S)**. Sen. Mullis (53rd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: HB 317 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 43 2037S)

HB 454 (Rep. Newton, 123rd, LC 33 8799S) Insurance; certain coverage requirements concerning providers that become out-of-network during a plan year; provide

The Chair recognized Sen. Butch Miller (49th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Miller (49th) presented the bill to the Committee.

Sen. Dugan (30th) made a motion that **HB 454 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 33 8822S)**. Sen. Burke (11th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: HB 454 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 33 8822S)

HB 273 (Rep. Ballinger, 23rd, LC 36 4749S) Distilled spirits; initiate a referendum election for the authorization of the issuance of licenses; provide additional method

The Chair recognized Sen. Butch Miller (49th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Miller (49th) presented the bill to the Committee.

Sen. Cowsert (46th) made a motion that **HB 273 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 36 4853S)**. Sen. Albers (56th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: HB 273 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 36 4853S)

HB 477 (Rep. Watson, 172nd, LC 43 2028S) Income tax; applications for credit for qualified donations of real property; extend sunset date

The Chair recognized Sen. John Albers (56th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. John Albers (56th) presented the bill to the Committee.

Sen. Miller (49th) made a motion that **HB 477 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 43 2036S)**. Sen. Dugan (30th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: HB 477 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 43 2036S)

HB 469 (Rep. Stephens, 164th, LC 43 2027S) Income tax; rehabilitation of historic structures; revise tax credits

The Chair recognized Sen. John Albers (56th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. John Albers (56th) presented the bill to the Committee.

Sen. Cowsert (46th) made a motion that **HB 469 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 43 2035S)**. Sen. Dugan (30th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: HB 469 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 43 2035S)

The Committee stood at ease from 11:54 a.m. until 12:04 p.m.

The Committee stood at ease from 12:17 p.m. until 12:27 p.m.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules Calendar for the next session day:

SR 281, HB 32, HB 43, HB 67, HB 94, HB 117, HB 128, HB 134, HB 152, HB 165, HB 174, HB 179, HB 194, HB 218, HB 231, HB 241, HB 246, HB 254, HB 255, HB 273, HB 282, HB 287, HB 290, HB 306, HB 307, HB 317, HB 328, HB 334, HB 338, HB 355, HB 369, HB 371, HB 409, HB 411, HB 443, HB 449, HB 454, HB 458, HB 466, HB 470, HB 477, HB 479, HB 480, HB 495, HB 509, HB 517, HB 532, HB 534, HB 539, HB 548, HB 562, HB 575, HB 587, HB 591, HB 605, HB 617, HB 619, HB 635, HB 653, HB 676, HB 714, HR 130, HR 142, HR 143

Sen. Burke (11th) made a motion to place the above legislation on the Rules Calendar for the next session day. Sen. Kennedy (18th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Chairman Mullis (53rd) adjourned the meeting at 12:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd), Chairman

/s/ Madeline Lara, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Rules
March 29, 2021

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Rules was held on March 29, 2021, in Room 450 of the Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd), Chairman
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Vice-Chairman (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Secretary
Sen. John Albers (56th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Matt Brass (28th)
Sen. Dean Burke (11th)
Sen. Gloria S. Butler (55th)
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th)
Sen. Steve Gooch (51st), Ex-Officio (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Tyler Harper (7th)
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)
Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd)
Sen. John F. Kennedy (18th), Ex-Officio (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Butch Miller (49th), Ex-Officio (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Elena Parent (42nd)
Sen. Larry Walker III (20th)

Chairman Mullis (53rd) called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Sen. Steve Gooch (51st), and Sen. John F. Kennedy (18th) arrived at 7:05 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Butch Miller (49th) arrived at 7:07 p.m.

The Senate Standing Committee on Rules had under consideration the following legislation:

SR 300 (Sen. Harrell, 40th, LC 49 0540) **Senate University Fees Study Committee; create**

The Chair recognized Sen. Sally Harrell (40th) for the purpose of presenting the resolution. Sen. Harrell (40th) presented the resolution to the Committee.

Sen. Parent (42nd) made a motion that **SR 300 Do Pass (LC 49 0540)**. Sen. Butler (55th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: SR 300 DO PASS (LC 49 0540)

There being no further business, Chairman Mullis (53rd) adjourned the meeting of the Senate Standing Committee on Rules at 7:07 p.m.

Chairman Mullis (53rd) called the Senate Committee on Rules to order at 7:07 p.m.

HB 44 (Rep. Cantrell, 22nd, LC 46 0458S) State government; Georgia shall observe daylight savings time year round; provide

The Chair presented the substitute to the Committee.

Sen. Ben Watson (1st) was recognized to speak to the substitute. He spoke in favor of the substitute.

Sen. Albers (56th) made a motion that **HB 44 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 46 0487S)**. Sen. Kennedy (18th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: HB 44 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 46 0487S)

HB 327 (Rep. Momtahan, 17th, LC 41 3164S) Organized Retail Crime Prevention Act; enact

The Chair recognized Sen. John Albers (56th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Albers (56th) presented the bill to the Committee.

Sen. Miller (49th) made a motion that **HB 327 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 28 0352S)**. Sen. Anderson (24th) seconded the motion. The motion passed 14-1.

Sen. Cowsert (46th), Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Albers (56th), Sen. Brass (28th), Sen. Burke (11th), Sen. Butler (55th), Sen. Dugan (30th), Sen. Gooch (51st), Sen. Hufstetler (52nd), Sen. Jones (22nd), Sen. Kennedy (18th), Sen. Miller (49th), Sen. Parent (42nd), and Sen. Walker (20th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Harper (7th) voted against the motion.

Committee Recommendation: HB 327 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 28 0352S)

HB 392 (Rep. Ridley, 6th, LC 36 4811S) Alcoholic beverages; licenses for retail sale packages of alcoholic beverages for consumption off premises shall be subject to regulation as to distance from schools as determined by the local governing authority; provide

The Chair presented the substitute to the Committee.

Sen. Albers (56th) made a motion that **HB 392 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 36 4855S)**. Sen. Brass (28th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: HB 392 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 36 4855S)

HB 498 (Rep. Watson, 172nd, LC 43 1917) Ad valorem tax; property; expand an exemption for agricultural equipment and certain farm products

The Chair recognized Sen. Larry Walker III (20th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Walker (20th) presented the bill to the Committee.

Sen. Burke (11th) made a motion that **HB 498 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 43 2013S)**. Sen. Anderson (24th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: HB 498 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 43 2013S)

HB 577 (Rep. Carpenter, 4th, LC 39 3064S) Highways, bridges, and ferries; proposal guaranty for bids upon certain projects; provide

The Chair recognized Sen. Steve Gooch (51st) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Gooch (51st) presented the bill to the Committee.

Sen. Miller (49th) made a motion that **HB 577 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 39 3079ERS)**. Sen. Walker (20th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: HB 577 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 39 3079ERS)

HB 591 (Rep. Hogan, 179th, LC 41 3162S) Mental health; marriage and family therapists to perform certain acts which physicians and others are authorized to perform; authorize

The Chair recognized Sen. Butch Miller (49th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Miller (49th) presented the bill to the Committee.

Sen. Gooch (51st) made a motion that **HB 591 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 41 3183S)**. Sen. Brass (28th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: HB 591 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 41 3183S)

HB 588 (Rep. Jasperse, 11th, LC 43 2031TS) Transportation; eligible expenditures; Georgia Freight Railroad Program; provisions

The Chair recognized Sen. Steve Gooch (51st) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Gooch (51st) presented the bill to the Committee.

Sen. Burke (11th) made a motion that **HB 588 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 39 3076ERS)**. Sen. Miller (49th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: HB 588 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 39 3076ERS)

NOTE: The Committee stood at ease from 7:22 p.m. until 7:32 p.m.

HB 333 (Rep. Efstration, 104th, LC 28 0336S) Ethics in Government Act of 2021; enact

The Chair presented the substitute to the Committee.

The Chair recognized Sen. Steve Gooch (51st) for the purpose of presenting an amendment. Sen. Gooch (51st) presented the amendment to the Committee.

The amendment inserted language into the bill creating a Section 9A.

Sen. Albers (56th) made a motion that the Committee adopt the proposed amendment to HB 333. Sen. Brass (28th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Sen. Anderson (24th) made a motion that **HB 333 Do Pass by Substitute**. Sen. Kennedy (18th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: HB 333 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 28 0356S)

The following legislation was placed on the Rules Calendar for the next session day:

HB 44, HB 97, HB 160, HB 236, HB 244, HB 258, HB 289, HB 291, HB 327, HB 333, HB 383, HB 392, HB 498, HB 574, HB 575, HB 577, HB 579, HB 588, HB 591, HB 606, HB 681, HR 144, HR 248

Sen. Miller (49th) made a motion to place the above legislation on the Rules Calendar for the next session day. Sen. Anderson (24th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The following legislation was placed on the Consent Calendar of Resolutions:

SR 11, SR 117, SR 125, SR 129, SR 151, SR 167, SR 177, SR 192, SR 203, SR 283

Sen. Albers (56th) made a motion to place the above legislation on the Consent Calendar of Resolutions for the next session day. Sen. Butler (55th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Chairman Mullis (53rd) adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Secretary

/s/ Madeline Lara, Recording Secretary